

18 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, Interdepartmental Affairs Staff, OPP

SUBJECT: Possible NSC Meeting on Law of the Sea

1. As I mentioned to you earlier today, we have received indications that there may be an NSC meeting early next week to discuss the decision memorandum to the President regarding US participation in the Law of the Sea negotiations. We have heard nothing from the NSC Staff, but I want to forward this material on to you in case a meeting is laid on in short notice.

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2. [redacted] from OGI, has drafted a cover memo for you explaining the options in the decision memorandum for the President and the positions taken by the various departments at the SIG and IG levels. Included also is a copy of the recently disseminated NIE on Law of the Sea. [redacted]

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3. I am not sure where you come out on this particular issue and I have no independent expertise on the subject, but Frank makes a pretty good point in paragraph 4 of his memo. He states that the chances are pretty good that we could improve upon the draft treaty as it now stands. Even if we decide not to sign and ratify the treaty, our continued participation could improve the overall product and therefore better protect the variety of US interests involved. [redacted]

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4. If you have any further questions on the issue, I will ask Frank to meet with you. Meanwhile, I will notify you as soon as we get any specific word of NSC plans to meet on this subject.

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cc: D/OPP

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 Chief, Geography Division, OGI
 2G09 Headquarters

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